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SUBJ: GOJ REQUEST FOR USG INPUT TO PUBLICATION RE NUCLEAR VESSEL

PROPELLION AND SAFETY

1. GOJ FONOFF HAS REQUESTED THAT USG PROVIDE QTE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNQTE CONCERNING SAFETY OF US NUCLEAR POWERED VESSELS (PRIMARILY SSN'S), FOR DISSEMINATION TO JAPANESE PUBLIC IN WRITTEN FORM.

2. REQUEST IS TO SUPPORT PUBLICATION BY GOJ'S SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY OF PAMPHLET EXTOLLING BASIC SAFETY OF NUCLEAR PROPULSION FOR VESSELS AND EXTENSIVE RADIOACTIVITY MONITORING PROCEDURES AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY BOTH JAPANESE AND US GOVERNMENTS TO INSURE SAFETY OF NUCLEAR VESSEL PORT VISITS. MAJOR SECTION PLANNED FOR PAMPHLET WILL BE CAREFUL EXPLANATION OF SAFETY OF NUCLEAR POWERED VESSELS AND, IN PARTICULAR, SAFETY STANDARDS, PROCEDURES

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AND PRECAUTIONS EMPLOYED BY USG AND USN, ALL IN TERMS WHICH

EDUCATED LAYMEN CAN UNDERSTAND. ADDITIONAL SECTION WILL
DISCUSS GOJ'S OWN NUCLEAR MONITORING PROGRAM. STA PLANS CALL
FOR INITIAL PRMING OF 50,000 COPIES OF 8-10 PAGE PAMPHLET
10 INCHES BY 8 INCHES IN SIZE.

3. EMBASSY HAS IN FILES HERE UNCLASSIFIED SAFETY-ORIENTED
MATERIALS PREVIOUSLY INTENDED FOR USE AS CONTINGENCY PRESS
GUIDANCE AND FOR REPLIES TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RAISED IN
DIET DEBATES. HOWEVER, COMPARATIVELY LITTLE OF THIS
MATERIAL SEEMS SUITABLE FOR RELEASE ON PAPER TO JAPANESE
PUBLIC.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO PROVIDE GOJ
AUTHORATIVE STATEMENT ON SSN SAFETY FOR INCLUSION IN STA
PAMPHLET TO RECEIVE WIDE PUBLIC DISSEMINATION. SUBJECT OF
US ROLE IN HELPING TO EDUCATE JAPANESE PUBLIC ON SECURITY
MATTERS HAS COME UP TWICE IN
RECENT SCG MEETINGS. WE BELIEVE THIS OCCASION OFFERS
EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR USG TO MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE
CONTRIBUTION TO THIS EDUCATIONAL PROCESS IF STATEMENT CAN BE
PREPARED QUICKLY.

5. REQUEST DEPT ADVISE AS TO WHETHER WE CAN PRODUCE SUTIABLE
STATEMENT FOR INCLUSION IN STA PAMPHLET AND INDICATION OF
PROBABLY TIME REQUIRED TO COMPLETE IT.
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